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SUBJECT: 30TH UNGA - POSSIBLE US INITIATIVES IN THE SECOND
COMMITTEE

REF: A) USUN 4708; B) USUN 4803; C) USUN 5001

1. SUMMARY. WE RECOMMEND THAT WASHINGTON PROMPTLY
CONSIDER US RESOLUTIONS ON SEVERAL ITEMS BEFORE THE
SECOND COMMITTEE OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY. AS EXPLAINED
BELOW, WE BELIEVE SEVERAL USEFUL INITIATIVES CAN BE
TAKEN WHICH WOULD (A) HELP KEEP UP THE SENSE OF US
LEADERSHIP GENERATED BY THE SEVENTH SPECIAL SESSION WHILE
(B) AVOIDING THE RISK THAT GENERAL ASSEMBLY ACTION MIGHT
GET IN THE WAY OF MATTERS THE US GOVERNMENT IS PURSUING
ELSEWHERE. END SUMMARY.

2. THE MISSION HAS REVIEWED THE AGENDA OF THE SECOND
COMMITTEE IN AN ATTEMPT TO IDENTIFY AREAS IN WHICH WE MIGHT
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TAKE INITIATIVES, IN PARTICULAR POSSIBLE USG RESOLUTIONS.

OUR PURPOSE IN DOING SO WOULD BE NOT ONLY TO ASSIST SPECIFIC PROGRAMS AND POLICIES WHICH THE US SUPPORTS BUT ALSO TO MAINTAIN THE MOMENTUM OF LEADERSHIP WE ACHIEVED AT THE SEVENTH SPECIAL SESSION. WASHINGTON COORDINATION WOULD AVOID THE RISK THAT ACTIONS IN THE SECOND COMMITTEE MIGHT CUT ACROSS SPECIAL SESSION FOLLOW-UP ACTIVITIES ELSEWHERE. WITHOUT SOME INITIATIVES ON OUR PART, WE FIND OURSELVES LIMITED TO REACTING TO PROPOSALS OF OTHERS, EVEN IN AREAS WHERE WE WERE THE INITIAL SOURCE OF INTERNATIONAL CONCERN (E.G., ENVIRONMENT).

3. IN SOME AREAS IT MAY BE APPROPRIATE THAT WE STEP OUT IN FRONT; IN OTHERS, IT MAY BE BETTER TO JOIN AS A CO-SPONSOR. THE IMPORTANT THING IS TO MAINTAIN A SENSE OF US LEADERSHIP AS WELL AS RESPONSIVENESS ON DEVELOPMENT PROBLEMS.

4. THE FOLLOWING LISTING OF AREAS OF POSSIBLE INITIATIVES IS NOT MEANT TO BE EXHAUSTIVE, AND WE WOULD APPRECIATE ANY ADDITIONAL SUGGESTIONS WHICH THE DEPARTMENT MAY HAVE.

(A) INTERNATIONAL FUND FOR AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT. AS REPORTED REFTEL (C), WE WOULD HOPE THAT THE DEPARTMENT WILL PREPARE A DRAFT RESOLUTION ON THIS SUBJECT.

(B) STRENGTHENING THE CAPACITY OF THE CONSULTATIVE GROUP FOR INTERNATIONAL AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH AND THE INTERNATIONAL RESEARCH CENTERS: THIS PROPOSAL WAS INCLUDED IN THE SECRETARY'S STATEMENT TO THE SEVENTH SPECIAL SESSION. IS IT POSSIBLE TO MOVE THIS FORWARD IN THE 30TH UNGA IN A DRAFT RESOLUTION EXPRESSING GENERAL SUPPORT AND POSSIBLY INCLUDING SOME POLICY GUIDELINES?

(C) USUN IS REVIEWING THE VARIOUS POSSIBILITIES FOR INITIATING FOLLOW-UP ACTION TO THE INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S YEAR CONFERENCE IN THE SECOND AND THIRD COMMITTEES. WE WILL BE REPORTING ON THIS REVIEW IN A SEPARATE CABLE.

(D) UNDP CAPITAL DEVELOPMENT FUND: THE MISSION IS AWARE OF OUR PREVIOUS POSITION AND OF THE DIFFICULTY OF EFFECTING ANY CHANGE IN THAT POSITION IN TIME TO HAVE AN IMPACT ON THIS SESSION. HOWEVER, WE DO BELIEVE THAT THERE IS CONSIDERABLE POLITICAL CAPITAL TO BE GAINED FROM A MORE POSITIVE US STANCE WHICH MIGHT INCLUDE A SMALL CONTRIBUTION. LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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WE NOTE, INCIDENTALLY, THAT THE POSITION PAPER FOR THIS ITEM (UNEC DOC. 653/75) PRESENTS THE FUND IN A BASICALLY FAVORABLE LIGHT. ACCORDINGLY, WE RECOMMEND THAT THE DEPARTMENT REVIEW THE PRESENT US POSITION TO SEE IF WE CAN MAKE ANY FORWARD MOVEMENT NOW.

(E) EXPANSION OF LDC RAW MATERIAL RESOURCES: A POSSIBLE DRAFT RESOLUTION COULD SIMPLY FOLLOW THE OUTLINE OF THE SECRETARY'S STATEMENT AT THE SEVENTH SPECIAL SESSION: NOTING

THE TECHNICAL AND FINANCIAL DIFFICULTIES OF ENSURING FUTURE SUPPLIES AND THE IMPORTANCE OF RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT TO DC'S AND LDC'S, CALLING FOR A MAJOR INTERNATIONAL EFFORT TO EXPAND LDC RAW MATERIAL RESOURCES, REQUESTING IN PARTICULAR THAT THE IBRD STEP UP ITS ACTIVITIES IN THIS AREA, AND CALLING ON COUNTRIES TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE UN REVOLVING FUND FOR NATURAL RESOURCES. ALTERNATELY, WE MAY WISH TO WORK WITH THE JAPANESE ON A RESOLUTION SIMPLY CALLING FOR ADDITIONAL CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE REVOLVING FUND.

(F) TRANSNATIONAL CORPORATIONS: STATE 243872 JUST RECEIVED AUTHORIZES US TO TABLE A SHORT RESOLUTION TO COUNTER THE UNACCEPTABLE LIBYAN AND IRANIAN DRAFTS AND WE ARE PROCEEDING ON THIS MATTER.

(G) INTERMEDIATE EMERGENCIES: REFTEL (A) TRANSMITTED A DUTCH INITIATIVE ON THIS SUBJECT. OUR INITIAL IMPRESSION OF THIS RESOLUTION IS FAVORABLE, BUT WE BELIEVE THAT IT COULD BE STRENGTHENED. THE DEPARTMENT SHOULD CONSIDER THE POSSIBILITY OF CO-SPONSORING THIS RESOLUTION IF ASKED AND IF APPROPRIATE REVISIONS CAN BE MADE.

(H) DESERTIFICATION: IS ANYTHING POSSIBLE HERE? THE MISSION CAN SEE SOME OBVIOUS POLITICAL ADVANTAGES IN WORKING WITH THE INTERESTED COUNTRIES, IN PARTICULAR THE AFRICAN COUNTRIES, IN AN ATTEMPT TO PRODUCE A DRAFT RESOLUTION.

5. AS INDICATED EARLIER, THIS LISTING IS MEANT TO BE SUGGESTIVE. SINCE WE HOPE TO BE ABLE TO GO FORWARD AT THE EARLIEST POSSIBLE DATE WITH ANY RESOLUTIONS THAT ARE TO BE PROPOSED IN ORDER TO SECURE THE WIDEST POSSIBLE SUPPORT, WE WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING THE DEPARTMENT'S COMMENTS AND DRAFT RESOLUTIONS PROMPTLY. WHILE WE WOULD ATTEMPT TO PUT THROUGH ANY RESOLUTIONS WE START ON, US PURPOSES WOULD BE SERVED IN SOME CASES BY THE MERE FACT LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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